

### Torrance Dentists Attend S.F. Meet

Doctor Arthur Berke and Ernest J. Tarr, Torrance dentists, are expected to be among the more than 1,500 dentists attending the 64th annual meeting of the U.C. Dental Alumni Association in San Francisco, Jan. 24 and 25, it was revealed today.

Fluoridation of domestic water supplies as a means of preventing tooth decay will be a highlighted subject at the meeting.

All told, there will be 14 technical papers presented by experts in their respective fields, a repeat of last year's panel discussion of occupational hazards, another panel discussion especially for recent alumni of the University of California School of Dentistry, an all-day presentation of technical motion pictures and colored slides, many of them accompanied by lectures, and 33 tables clinic demonstrations of various procedures.

The annual luncheon will be

### Torrance Healthy, L. A. County Reports

Public health in Torrance more than holds its own against communicable diseases, it was revealed today in a report from the Los Angeles County Health Department.

One instance of measles and five cases of scarlet fever summed up the public health situation for the week ending Jan. 2nd, the report stated.

At the same time, L. A. County Health Officer Dr. Roy O. Gilbert warned against a resurgence of diphtheria across the nation.

held at noon Sunday, with musical entertainment and William Winter, news commentator, as the speaker.

The business session will be held Monday, with President Thomas Wu, of San Francisco, in the chair. At this meeting the president-elect, Dr. Mervin Cunningham of Berkeley, will be installed, and new officers for the coming year selected.

While L. A. County has been relatively free of diphtheria (only 1 case reported in 1959), Dr. Gilbert said that immunity decreases during childhood and adult life.

Periodic booster doses of diphtheria toxoid are required to maintain immunity. A simple test is available through private physicians to determine whether

or not the individual is immune to the disease. Called the "Schick Test," a positive reaction indicates that the individual should be immunized.

Children should be immunized as early as possible. An ideal program is a series of three injections spaced a month apart and started at the age of one month.

### Spanish War Vets Unaffected by New Pension Law

With two exceptions, the new pension regulations which become law on July 1 will have no effect on Spanish-American War veterans, Mort Webster, manager of VA's Southern California regional office, pointed out today.

The law will in no way affect widows of Spanish-American veterans, Webster added.

Explaining that the new pension law was drawn up specifically

for veterans of World War I, World War II and the Korean War, Webster pointed out that Spanish-American veterans and their widows come under their own specific laws and have not the right to choose the provisions of the new pension law, even if they so desired.

The first of the two exceptions mentioned above is a beneficial one, and would affect all Spanish-American War veterans. It

allows them to be given, at the discretion of the Administrator of Veterans Affairs, a prosthetic device known as the invalid lift to assist them into and out of bed if their physical condition makes such a device necessary.

The other exception will affect only those Spanish-American veterans not already on the pension rolls. Should any of these veterans come on the rolls on or after July 1 they would be sub-

jected to a reduction in their monthly pension, whenever hospitalized for more than two full months in a VA hospital or domiciliary. Beginning the first day of the third month in such hospital, their pension would be reduced to \$30. However, if they had a wife or dependent child, the remaining pension money could go to those dependents.

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